

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:
 - an authorized user identification device;
 - at least one processor coupled to the computer system;
 - a non-line-of-sight proximity range actuated identification signal detection circuit for receiving a wireless identification signal from the identification device, the wireless identification signal containing identification information regarding a user of the device;
 - a memory having means for determining whether the user of the identification device as indicated by the wireless identification signal, has authorized access to computer information accessible by the computer system;
 - means for maintaining the computer system in a low power state except when the user identification device is in the proximity range; and
 - means for granting and maintaining access to computer information accessible by the computer system if it is determined that the user as indicated by the wireless identification signal is authorized access and remains in the proximity range, wherein the granting access to computer information accessible by the computer system further includes placing the computer system in a higher power state from ~~a~~ the lower power state; ~~and~~
 - ~~a memory having means for placing the computer system in a condition to deny access by placing the computer system in a lower power state in response to the identification signal detection circuit not having received, for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from the user having authorized access.~~

2. (Original) The computer system of claim 1 further comprising:
a memory circuit programmable to store a list of at least one user having authorized access to computer information assessable by the computer system.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein placing the computer system in a condition to deny further includes logging a user off of the computer system in response to the identification signal detection circuit not having received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from the user having authorized access.
6. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein placing the computer system in a condition to deny further includes placing the computer system in a locked state in response to the identification signal detection circuit not having received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from the user having authorized access.
7. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 further comprising:
a memory circuit storing operating system code whose execution by the at least one processor implements an operating system for controlling the operation of the computer system; and
wherein the operating system code includes code whose execution places the computer system in a condition to deny access to computer information accessible by the computer system in response to the identification signal

detection circuit not having received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from the user having authorized access.

8. (Cancelled).
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein:
the memory having means for determining that the identification signal detection circuit has not received the wireless identification signal for a predetermined period of time is implemented in the identification signal detection circuit; and
the identification signal detection circuit provides a response signal in response to a determination that the identification signal detection circuit has not received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from the user having authorized access.
11. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10 wherein the identification signal detection circuit generates an interrupt in response to a determination that the identification signal detection circuit has not received the wireless identification signal for a predetermined period of time.
12. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10 wherein the identification signal detection circuit asserts a #PME signal in response to a determination that the identification signal detection circuit has not received the wireless identification signal for a predetermined period of time.

13. (Original) The computer system of claim 12 further comprising:
a chipset circuit having an input to receive the #PME signal from the identification signal detection circuit.
14. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein the memory having means for determining whether the user of the device and the memory having means for determining that the identification signal detection circuit has not received the wireless identification signal for a predetermined period of time, are both implemented in the same memory circuit of the identification circuit.
15. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 1 wherein the identification signal detection circuit is operably coupled to a power managed computer bus.
16. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein:
the identification signal detection circuit has an output to provide an indication signal indicating that the identification signal detection circuit has received a wireless identification signal containing identification information of the user of the device determined to have authorized access; and
wherein the indication signal is provided in response to receiving a wireless identification signal containing identification information of the user of the device determined to have authorized access after a predetermined period of time of not receiving an identification signal containing identification information of the user of the device determined to have authorized access.
17. (Original) The computer system of claim 16 wherein:
the identification signal detection circuit is operably coupled to the at least one processor via a computer bus substantially conforming to a PCI Local Bus Specification; and
the indication signal includes an assertion of the #PME signal.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 further comprising:
a memory having means for placing the computer system in a higher power state from a lower power state if it is determined that the identification signal detection circuit has received a wireless identification signal containing identification information of the user having authorized access.
19. (Cancelled).
20. (Cancelled).
21. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to computer information comprising:
providing an authorized user identification device;
providing a computer system;
sending a wireless identification signal by the identification device, the wireless identification signal including identification information regarding a user of the device;
receiving, independent of a conscious access action by the user, the wireless identification signal by a non-line-of-sight proximity range actuated detection circuit coupled to the computer system;
determining whether the user as indicated by the wireless identification signal has authorized access to computer information accessible by the computer system;
maintaining the computer system in a low power state except when the user identification device is in the proximity range; and
granting and maintaining access to computer information accessible by the computer system if it is determined that the user as indicated by the wireless identification signal is authorized access and remains in the proximity range,

wherein the granting access to computer information accessible by the computer system further includes placing the computer system in a higher power state from ~~a~~ the lower power state ~~;~~ and

~~denying access to computer information accessible by the computer system by placing the computer system in the lower power state if the computer system has not received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from the user having authorized access.~~

22. (Cancelled).

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